

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (original): A method for cleaning a magnetic head using a cleaning tape comprising a substrate and a cleaning layer, wherein the cleaning tape has a stiffness of 2 or less in a width direction, and the magnetic head has trenches substantially parallel to a sliding direction of the cleaning tape.

Claim 2. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning tape has a stiffness of 0.5 to 2.0 in a width direction.

Claim 3. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning tape has a stiffness of 1.0 to 4.0 in a longitudinal direction.

Claim 4. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a thickness of 4 to 10 μm .

Claim 5. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a thickness of 6 to 9 μm .

Claim 6. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning layer comprises carbon black.

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Claim 7. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning layer comprises a ferromagnetic metal powder.

Claim 8. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a mean plane average roughness of 12.0 nm or smaller.

Claim 9. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has no peaks of 0.3 μm or higher at a surface thereof.

Claim 10. (new): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning tape comprises the substrate, a non-magnetic layer containing inorganic powder and a binder, and the cleaning layer, in this order.

Claim 11. (new): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning layer has a thickness of from 0.05 to 0.3 μm .